

Foreign Service Officer Test

The U.S. Embassy in Hanoi and the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City are offering the Foreign Service Officer Test in June 2010. Interested applicants can register online by going to www.careers.state.gov and clicking on 'Register for the Test'. Follow the instructions for completing the registration process to schedule the test.

The U.S. Embassy in Hanoi will administer the test on Saturday June 5 from 09:00 – 12:00. Seating limited to 11 testers. The U.S. Consulate in Ho Chi Minh will administer the test on two dates, Monday, June 7 and Friday, June 11 from 09:00-12:00. Seating is limited with maximum of 4 testers per day. The registration deadline is May 24.

Since the work of the U.S. Department of State affects the world and is carried out in every country around the globe, Foreign Service Officers (FSOs) are posted at any one of over 265 embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions in The Americas, Africa, Europe and Eurasia, East Asia and Pacific, Middle East and North Africa, and South Asia.

While diplomatic careers are rewarding, they can require extremely difficult work, hardship and even working under dangerous conditions. To be eligible, the U.S. Department of State requires that all applicants be:

- U.S. citizens on the date they submit their registration package
- At least 20 years old and no older than 59 years of age on the day you submit your registration
- At least 21 years old and not yet 60 on the day you are appointed as a Foreign Service Officer
- Available for worldwide assignments, including Washington, D.C.

Even though you are not required to know a foreign language to become a FSO, proficiency in one or more languages will enhance your competitiveness for selection.